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SEDALIA, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Sedalia, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being in possession of child pornography.

Patrick E. Ross, 55, of Sedalia, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to one year and one day in federal prison without parole.

On March 26, 2004, **Ross** pleaded guilty to both counts contained in a May 23, 2003, federal indictment. **Ross** admitted that on April 23, 2003, he was in possession of 23 videotapes and four photographs that each contained visual depictions of persons under the age of 18 engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. The case was investigated by the United States Postal Service, the State Technical Assistance Team and the Sedalia, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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